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Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2936–2939, and S. Res. 581–582.

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Measures Failed:

Keystone XL Pipeline: By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate failed to pass S. 2280, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, by the order of Thursday, November 12, 2014, 60 Senators not having voted in the affirmative. Pages S6029-53, S6053-73

Measures Passed:

Holiday Season Charitable Collection: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 577, permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

USA Freedom Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 282), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Morning Business—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the time during morning business on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. be under the control of the Republicans, and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. be under the control of the Majority.

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Pepper Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Page S6080

Sannes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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Arleo Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

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Beetlestone Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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Bolden Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Page S6081

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 281), Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

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Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay. Page S6075, S6106

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

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Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam. Page S6075, S6106

William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—282) Pages S6073, S6074, S6079-80

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$6106.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TAX RELIEF AFTER A DISASTER

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight concluded a hearing to examine tax relief after a disaster, focusing on how individuals, small businesses, and communities recover, after receiving testimony from Mayor Andy Berke, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Robert G. Loughery, Bucks County Commissioners, Doylestown, Pennsylvania; Vincent M. Ignizio, New York City Council, New York, New York; Sean T. Cronin, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District, Longmont, Colorado; Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, DC.; and Troy K. Lewis, The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Draper, Utah.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Lewis, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

CORRECTION

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 5727–5736; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 758, were introduced. Pages H8070–71

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker Pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Arne Panula, Catholic Information Center, Washington, DC.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. Page H8060

EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 1422, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 525.

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Rejected the Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 524.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Stewart amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–626) that makes technical changes to conform with recent amendments to the underlying statute. It also reiterates the independence of the Science Advisory Board and clarifies pre-existing language (by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 523).

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H. Res. 756, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1422), (H.R. 4012), and (H.R. 4795), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 522, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 521.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of William Frenzel, former Member of Congress.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8044.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8040–50, H8050, H8061–62, H8062–63, H8063–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UPDATE ON THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA OUTBREAK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Update on the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak". Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Rear Admiral Boris Lushniak, Acting Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; David Lakey, Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services; and public witnesses.

THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY STANDARDS ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF U.S. INSURERS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled "The Impact of International Regulatory Standards on the Competitiveness of U.S. Insurers, Part II". Testimony was heard from Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; Neil D. Breslin, Senator, State of New York; Michael F. Consedine, Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Insurance Department; and Thomas Sullivan, Senior Advisor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FIGHTING EBOLA: A GROUND-LEVEL VIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "Fighting Ebola: A Ground-Level View". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRANIAN NUCLEAR TALKS: NEGOTIATING A BAD DEAL?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Iranian Nuclear Talks: Negotiating a Bad Deal?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER SHARING CONFLICTS AND THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled "Water Sharing Conflicts and the Threat to International Peace". Testimony was heard from Paul Sullivan, Professor of Economics, National Defense University; and public witnesses.

UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN: PRESSING THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "Unaccompanied Alien Children: Pressing the Administration for a Strategy". Testimony was heard from Roberta S. Jacobson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Elizabeth Hogan, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; Robert N. Kaplan, President and Chief Executive Officer, Inter-American Foundation; and Catherine Wiesner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS: ASSESSING PROGRESS SINCE 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Interoperable Communications: Assessing Progress Since 9/11". Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Ronald Hewitt, USCG (Ret.), Director, Office of Emergency Communications, Department of Homeland Security; TJ Kennedy, Acting General Manager, First Responder Network Authority; and Mark A. Grubb, Director, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Division of Communications.

ABUSE OF USPTO'S TELEWORK PROGRAM: ENSURING OVERSIGHT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, held a joint hearing entitled "Abuse of USPTO's Telework Program: Ensuring Oversight, Accountability and Quality". Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf; Margaret A. Focarino, Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office; Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION: ISSUES IN MODERNIZING AND OPERATING THE NATION'S AIRSPACE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Issues in Modernizing and Operating the Nation's Airspace". Testimony was heard from Calvin Scovel, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VA'S LONGSTANDING INFORMATION SECURITY WEAKNESSES CONTINUE TO ALLOW EXTENSIVE DATA MANIPULATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "VA's Longstanding Information Security Weaknesses Continue to Allow Extensive Data Manipulation". Testimony was heard from Stephen Warren, Executive in Charge and Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sondra McCauley, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Greg Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 2:45 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2917, Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act, H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and the nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona,

to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine veterans' mental health and suicide, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

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Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "Opportunities for a Private and Competitive Sustainable Flood Insurance Market", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, markup on H.R. 5648, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Next Steps for U.S. Foreign Policy on Syria and Iraq", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on The Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Secret Service", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. A portion of this hearing will close.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Copyright Issues in Education and for the Visually Impaired", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 1561, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites op-

erated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, the "Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act"; H.R. 4220, the "School District 318 Land Exchange Act"; H.R. 4668, the "Point Spencer Coast Guard and Public-Private Sector Infrastructure Development Facilitation and Land Conveyance Act"; H.R. 4924, the "Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014"; H.R. 4979, the "Red River Private Property Protection Act"; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5176, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes; H.R. 5699, the "John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response", 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled "Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service", 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislative measures: H.R. 4720, the "Medal of Honor Priority Care Act"; H.R. 4887, the "Expanding Care for Veterans Act"; H.R. 4977, the "COVER Act"; H.R. 5059, the "Clay Hunt SAV Act"; H.R. 5475, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children; H.R. 5484, the "Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014"; and H.R. 5686, the "Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act", 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Member access requests, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting may close.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption, 10 a.m., SVC-203-202.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

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